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## STIFF RESISTANCE **RETARDS ADVANCE** OF ALLIED ARMIES

Enemy Puts Up Stubborn Defense in Most Critical Sectors.

MOST VICIOUS FIGHTING WEST OF MEUSE RIVER

French Progress Two to Three Miles Northeast of Laon.

AMERICANS TAKE BRIEULLES

Field Marshal Haig Continues Successful Drives North and South of Valenciennes.

(By Associated Press.)
The allied armies in France and Belgium are still driving the Germans toward their border, but the process is now comparatively slow. On the sectors that are requisite to the stabillty of the entire German line-where crash through probably would mean immediate collapse of the whole the defensive system-the most stubborn resistance is being offered by the enemy, and what gains are being made by the allies are virtually foot by foot in the face of the hornets of the battle line—the machine guns.

Particularly vicious fighting is in progress west of the Meuse River, where the Americans, in their endeavors to overcome the natural obstacles barring the way northward to Sedan are faced by picked troops with orders to hold them back at all costs; in the region from Le Cateau to the north of Valencennies, where the British and some Americans gradually are tearing their way through the enemy's tront, and between Tournal and Audenarde, where the British also are hard after the enemy.

BRITISH AND AMERICANS made by the allies are virtually foot

losses due to submarine warfare during September were smaller than those of any month since August, 1916, the admiralty announces. The losses were:
British. 151,592 tons; allied, 83,007; neutral, 239,000. Total, 479,000 tons.
British sallings during September aggregated 7,515,061 tons.

TWO THOUSAND PRISONERS
TAKEN BY BRITISH

IBy Associated Press.1
LONDON, October 23.—Two thousand prisoners were taken by the British in to-day's attack.
The British advanced from one to two miles, gaining the high ground overlooking the Harples valley. Some guns were taken. guns were taken.

GERMANS MAINTAINING DOGGED RESISTANCE

IBY Associated Fress.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, October 23.—The British troops in their new attack to-day north of Le Catesu are reported to have captured the town of Romeries, one and one-half miles northeast of Solesmes. one-half miles northeast of Solesmes.

A good many prisoners mainly in

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Modern Ananias Sends

Out Hun Propaganda

There is no busier wireless plant on earth than that at Nauen, near Brandenburg, Prussia, which hums daily in spreading far and wide German propagnada. If is the plan of Germany to convince, in so far as possible, all neutral countries of the justice of her cause and the purity of motives. A sample of the stories this modern Anapias sends out is found in the manner in which Germany attempted to excuse its use of posion gas in the war contrary to The Hague convention. It declares that the use of gas had been suggested by an Englishman, and that, if she had not used it, the allies would have.

When it is recalled that the allies had made no manner of preparation to meet such an attack, much less to use gas themselves, the faisity of the German statement is manifest. Lieutenant Harold Lake tells the story in this morning's Times-Dispatch.

## GERMANS OF AUSTRIA

Deputies in Austrian Reichrath Constitute Themselves National Legislative Body.

Will Act for Peace-Teutonic Population Largest Single Group in Monarchy, Being About One-Third deaths was forty-eight; on the 16th,

deputies have announced their desire

LONDON, October 23.—The House of Commons adopted a resolution to-day in favor of women sitting in Parliament. The resolution was passed by a majority of 249.

Thomas Lawson Injured. HOSTON, October 23.—Thomas W. Lawson, noted financier, was seriously injured late to-day when his automobile crashed into a truck. Mr. Lawson received two broken ribs and severe cuts and bruises. He is at Mariboro Hospital, Mariboro. His chauffeur, Michael Kelly, was also seriously injured.

Ukraine Ministry Resigns LONDON, October 23.—The British the Wireless Press says the entire Ukrain- iam ministry has resigned.

Death Rate High in Proportion Power of Peace or War Effective to New Cases Officially Listed.

TO BE NO LET-UP IN WORK CHANCELLOR GIVES VIEWS

Not to Relax in Observing Precautions.

Statistics indicate that the epidemic in this city took a distinct drop for though the deaths on the first day num- | Chancellor. Prince Maximilian. of a bered at least seventeen. From the bill making the Reichstag responsible effects of Spanish influenza or com- for war and peace, the measure to beplications of pneumonia there were come effective when the project for a thirty-eight death on the 15th, twenty- league of nations should become opereight on the 16th, twenty-six on the stive, in his speech to the Reichstag 17th, twenty-five on the 18th, twenty- yesterday. five on the 19th and seventeen on the 20th. It is likely that reports for the in the Reichstag under the terms of next few days will increase the account the new measure, the Chancellor said of actual demises on the 20th to nine- the bill provided for the compulsory teen or twenty, but, at that, improve- embodiment in the constitution of the ment on that day is noticeable. The gen- fundamental idea of the new form of ACCESS TO ADRIATIC eral situation, therefore, appears bet. government. He said the effect would ter; but danger lurks yet, according to be to make the Reichstag the people's health officials, throughout the lands

On the 15th the total number of (By Associated Press.)

BASEL, October 23.—The GermanAustrian deputies in the Austrian
Reichsrath have formed an assembly
for the purpose of conducting the affairs of the Germanic people in Austria and have issued a declaration announcing the creation of the "German State of Austria."

Karl Zeltz, leader of the German Socialists in Austria, has been elected president of the new assembly. The deputies have announced their desire

forty-six: on the 17th, thirty-five; on the 18th, twenty-nine, and on the 20th, t forty-gix; on the 17th, thirty-five; on

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SPANISH INFLUENZA MILITARISTS HOLD PRESIDENT ANSWERS DECLINING IN CITY FAST TO NEW RIGHTS

tions Forms.

After League of Na-

Health Officials Caution People No Thought Advanced of Retrocession of Alsace-Lorraine to France.

> of this week; nouncement was made by the German Speaking of the powers to be vested

> > house of representatives, which should be responsible "in the decision of the most important question for the nation. namely, of peace and war.
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> > "That means peaceful development of the empire and its relations with other powers," he continued. "In such an extension of the people's rights the imperial government is willing to lend a hand when a league of nations has taken practical form. When such a league puts an end to all secret separate treaties I am confident that all agreements can be amplified in this sense."

The Chanceller said the German nation long had possessed political rights which its neighbors envied. Its spoke in praise of the municipal and Reichstag elections, and said that although the German people had not made use of its power in dealing with vital questions, the development which had occurred at the 2nd of Exptember had changed everything.

Reported.

FOUR STATES SHOW LESS CASES Government Agents Investigate Reports Germs Were Brought Here by German Agents, and Claim They Are Found Untrue.

How the French Newspapers Regard Latest German Note to President Wilson

BY NABOTH HEDIN. PARIS. October 23.—The French press judges the German reply to President Wilson unsatisfactory for these main reasons:

1. Because Germany attempts to quibble over the ailled victory and ailled supremacy in the field. 2. Because Germany declines re-sponsibility for the devastations which cry to heaven for repuration. 3. Because Germany cynically de-nies the U-boat horrors.

A. Because Germany pretends her government is changed while, as a matter of fact, the same men are in control to-duy that have been in control for four years.

Several papers insist that the enemy's main purpose is to cause friction between the allies while gaining time for the military retreat to a shorter line.

The press points out, too, that all The press points out, too, that all the internal reforms of which the

Prince of Baden speaks in his note are subject to repudiation in case the military situation should change. "Germany," says Le Journal, "offers words and promises when Wilson demands acts."

Gustave Perve thinks Germany "put her thumbs down because the people demand immediate peace." But the writer advises Germany to send a man with a white fing to Marshai Foch."

France Libre, the nationalist Socialist organ, says: "Germany hopes to provoke labor troubles among the allies."

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L'ituminate is pleased with the fact that the peace conversation continues,"

L'De Paris hints that President Wilson may refuse to send an answer to the last German note.

To sum up, the impression of the French press is that the war will continue until Germany is decisively beaten, since otherwise she would side-step responsibility.

LESS CASES OF MALADY REPORTED FROM CAMPS

Wednesday Totaled 127, With 2,733 New Cases Reported.

SHIPPING BOARD PLANS FOR 600 WOODEN SHIPS

)ne Hundred Will Be Used in Oil Trade and Others Out of New England Ports.

WILL HURRY UP DELIVERIES

Yards Which Fail to Keep Up the would make it impossible for Germany Pace in Production Will Have Contracts Abrogated and Transferred to Speedier Plants.

WASHINGTON, October 23 .- Readjustment of the wood-ship program of the United States Shipping Board began with a preliminary conference to-night,

with a preliminary conference to-night, attended by Chairman Hurley and Vice-President Picz and, for the Emergency Fleet Corporation, Director-General Schwab. To-morrow their recumendations will be presented to the trustees of the Shipping Board.

Consideration to the number of wooden ships which American commerce can use was given at the Contracts with the standing was given at the contracts will be absorbed into coast wise track, both Attrade and 100 into colliers for the New England service. The others will be absorbed into coast wise track, both Attrade and the Weile South American trade and the Weil

Shipping Board Accepts Freighter Agawam, Which is Marvel of Construction and Efficiency.

Passengers Arriving From Holland Declare Allowance Per Person Is Two Ounces.

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AN ATLANTIC PORT, October 23.—
The "mean allowance" of dog meat in famished Holland is two ounces per week for each person, it was declared by a passenger arriving here to-day on a Holland-American liner. Mrs. Louella Beeger, of St. Paul, Minn., one of the passengers, rescued a great Dane dog from a butcher and had it with her on the vessel. "Caesar," the dog, would have been cut up into two-ounce "mean allowance" bits for sale over the counter but for his timely rescue. The extreme scarcity of food drove the Dutch to resort to eating dogs, it was declared. Butter is now almost unknown in Holland.

PREVENT RENEWAL OF ALL HOSTILITIES

If U. S. Must Deal With Autocrats, Surrender Is Demanded.

AGREES TO TRANSMIT PROPOSALS TO ALLIES

Will Ask Military Advisers of Powers for Their Views.

ENTIRELY IGNORES PROTESTS

Tells German People Word of Mogarchial Leaders Cannot Be Trusted or Accepted.

WASHINGTON, October 23.—President Wilson has submitted the German plea for an armistice and peace to the allies, and at the same time has informed Berlin that there can be no armistice except upon terms that

to renew hostilities. While consenting to deal further with the present authorities in Genmany, the President has given them

this warning: "If it (the United States) must deal with the military masters and monarchial autocrats of Germans now, or if it is likely to have to deal with them

Shipping Board Accepts Freighter
Agawam, Which is Marvel of
Construction and Efficiency.

WASHINGTON, October 28.—In the acceptance by the Shipping Board of the freighter Agawam from the Submarine Boat Corporation of Newark, N. J., the first fabricated ship made its appearance on the seas. It took twen appearance on the seas. It took twen appearance on the seas. It took twen ing plants and 200 foundries, machine, plpe, joinery and equipment shops to product its parts.

It was built from structural steel shapes such as in the past have been used only in bridge and building construction. It is practically the apex of standardized ship construction. It is rated at 5.500 tons dead weight capacity, but loaded will carry 7,800 tons. Three hundred and three days were spent in the Agawam's construction. It is rated at 5.500 tons dead weight capacity, but loaded will carry 7,800 tons. Three hundred and three days were spent in the Agawam's construction. It is practically the apex of standardized ship construction. It is rated at 5.00 tons dead weight capacity, but loaded will carry 7,800 tons. Three hundred and three days were spent in the Agawam's construction. It is practically the apex of standardized ship construction. It is rated at 5.00 tons dead weight capacity, but loaded will carry 7,800 tons. Three hundred and three days were spent in the Agawam's construction. It is rated at 5.00 tons dead weight capacity, but loaded will carry 7,800 tons. Three hundred and three days were spent in the Agawam's construction. It is rated at 5.00 tons dead weight capacity, but loaded will carry 7,800 tons. Three hundred and three days were spent in the Agawam's construction. It is rated at 5.00 tons dead weight capacity, but loaded will carry 7,800 tons. Three hundred and three days were spent in the Agawam's construction. It is rated at 5.00 tons dead weight capacity, but loaded will carry 7,800 tons. Three hundred and three days were spent in the Agawam's construction. It is rated at 5.00 tons the military nor and the allies POWER OF THE KAISER REMAINS UNIMPAIRED

PRESIDENT WILSON'S WORD
TO THE GERMAN PEOPLE TO THE GERMAN PEOPLE
The statement to Germany follows:
"The Secretary of State makes public the following:
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charge d'affaires ad interim, in charge
of German interests in the United
States: States: "Department of State, October 23, 1918;

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